



Civil dialogue for youth Conference in Erbil/Shaqalawa  
2-4 May 2007

The second Conference on Civil Dialogue for Youth was held recently in Shaqlawa/ Erbil, between 2-4 of May 2007, more than 87 youth from both gender, of age category (16-28), from 10 governorates (Nineveh, Baghdad, Kirkuk, Basra, Thi Qar, Sulaimaniya, Sallhddin, Kerbala, Erbil, and Najaf). The main topic for the Conference was "Human Security" where youth groups presented their relative research papers, i.e." Human Rights Concept and evolution", "Personnel needs, relative to development and human security", "Environmental Security, effect of Depleted Uranium on Basra Society", "Economic Security for youth in Sulaimaniya Governorate", "Humanitarian Conditions of IDPs in Kerbala governorate", "Media Security role in promoting Human Security"

The Conference was attended by several political figures, experts in civil society, academia, faculty, media, and national and international NGOs' activists, amongst which were: Kurdistan Regional Government Minister of States on civil society, H.E. Mr. George Mansour, Shaqlawa mayor, Mr. Dilawar Omar, Kurdistan Parliament chair of women's rights committee, MP Ms. Bakhshan Zangana, Former Minister of Municipalities and Public works in Iraq, Ms. Nasreen Berwari, Ministry of Human Rights and Ministry of Youth Representatives, and a representative of Technical Institutions in Erbil,

Many exchanging live debates, experience and activities of implemented civil dialogue programmes in different governorates that took place in universities, institutions, cultural centres, sports and youth clubs, on media, promotion of citizenship concept, non violence, tolerance and civil dialogue amongst youth, with emphasis on youth major problems in education, employment, and capacity building, the participants unanimously agreed that rule of law and security should be relatively planned with measures and solutions to unemployment, literacy programmes, as they are the main sources and causes that breeds terrorism amongst youth,

The youth groups came up with the following recommendations related to topic of the conference "Human Security":

- Linking the concept of Human Security and Human Rights,
- Linking Concept of Human Security with Citizenship,
- Call for adopting a community programme limiting the effect of poverty, unemployment, and need that Iraqi family suffers from in general,
- Prioritizing women needs and role, as an important key player in the process of human security,
- Linking law as a tool to reserve personal and community rights, with human security
- Cooperation between NGOs and donors, or local banks to provide small loans for youth to implement income generating projects in towns or villages,

- Awareness on environmental pollution, specifically pollution with depleted uranium in the infected areas in cooperation with the civil society and governmental organizations,
- Awareness on concepts related to Human security ( citizenship, democracy, civil dialogue and tolerance, non violence and peaceful conflict resolution, building sense of security in the community) the process suggested is through civil society organizations, media and educational curriculum,
- Building networks of youth organizations with NGOs, in cooperation with governmental organizations relative to youth and human rights issues, the networks to include international organizations,
- Recommencing Nutrition programme in schools, to secure part of nutrition security to schools' students,
- Working on directing media message and promotion materials away from sectarian and ethnic approach that dedicates indifference, hate and isolation amongst Iraqi people compositions,
- Calling for national unity and reconciliation through media campaigns and forums,
- Call for discussing/lobbying against psychological and social effect on children and community from constant exposure of dead corpses and brutal deaths of victims of violence resulting from armed conflict in Iraq openly through media in campaigns of one group against the other to manipulate different public opinions, the discussion called upon to be held with expert politicians, academia, media, sociologists and psychologists, and stake holders,
- Linking media and security plans of government at all aspects with its reflects on reality and on the ground, not as it states and prioritized by certain isolated and limited groups objectives and golas,

